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SUBJECT: NAC JULY 31: ITALIAN STATEMENT ON VISIT OF FOREIGN MINISTER
MORO TO USSR

GENEVA FOR USDEL CSCE

REF: MOSCOW 11645 (NOTAL)

1. CATALANO (ITALY) AT JULY 31 NAC MADE STATEMENT ON MORO VISIT
TO USSR. CATALANO'S STATEMENT WAS FOR MOST PART A RE-ARRANGED
VERSION OF REPORT IN REFTEL. THIS CABLE POINTS OUT THE MAIN
SUBSTANTIVE DIFFERENCES. (ITALIAN MISSION DID NOT DISTRIBUTE
STATEMENT BUT PERMITTED CHECKING OF NOTES AGAINST CATALANO'S
STATEMENT WITHIN ITALIAN MISSION.)

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2. CYPRUS - CATALANO'S STATEMENT TO NATO ELIMINATED PORTIONS OF
PARA 2 G OF REFTEL. HIS STATEMENT ELIMINATED: "MORO COMMENTED
THAT THE DEVELOPMENTS IN CYPRUS CONSTITUTE A BRUTAL ACT OF VIOLENCE
WHICH SIBVERTED THE CONSTITUTIONAL ORDER." CATALANO'S STATEMENT

SAID MORO SUPPORTED RESTORATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL ORDER IN CYPRUS BUT STATEMENT ELIMINATED "...AND OPPOSED A COUP D'ETAT AND ANY MILITARY INTERVENTION." CATALANO'S STATEMENT ALSO OMITTED: "RECENT CHANGES IN THE GREEK REGIME COULD INTERJECT A FAVORABLE ELEMENT IN THE SITUATION." THE LAST THREE SENTENCES OF PARA

2 G IN REFTEL WERE ALSO OMITTED.

3. PORTUGUESE COLONIES - CATALANO'S REPORT STATED, BUT REFTEL DID NOT, THE FOLLOWING: "GROMYKO WONDERED HOW THE DEBATE WILL UNFOLD WITHIN THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT AND HOW NEGOTIATIONS WILL DEVELOP BETWEEN LISBON AND THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. THE USSR CONTINUES TO SUPPORT THE PRINCIPLE OF INDEPENDENCE OF OVERSEAS PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES."

4. EC-COMECON - CATALANO'S REPORT STATED, BUT REFTEL DID NOT, THE FOLLOWING: "GROMYKO DECLARED THAT FAVORABLE PERSPECTIVES COULD BE BRAKED BY INTERERENCE OF EC IN BILATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN ITALY AND SOVIET UNION. MORO REPLIED THAT, REGARDING COMMERCIAL POLICY, ONE CAN IN NO CASE SPEAK OF INTERFERENCE BY THE EC, FOR THIS IS A NEW STRUCTURE WHICH COULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE CREATION OF MORE IMPORTANT POSSIBILITIES FOR TRADE THAN IN THE PAST; MORO ADDED THAT IF CSCE PERSPECTIVES ARE CONFIRMED, THIS WILL REPRESENT A MORE SOLID BASE FOR BILATERAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS, AND HE CITED, IN THE FRAMEWORK OF CONFIDENCE AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING, THE PURSUIT OF CONTACTS BETWEEN THE EC AND COMECON."
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